

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. This is a rescheduled meeting date for the October 13, 2021 and the October 19, 2021 scheduled meetings without a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Gloria Ethridge, Chair
Amy Stowers, Vice-Chair
Glenn Morris
Dave Meldrum

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ramsey
Angelic Moore, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Melissa Tracy, AAG

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

GA Board of Dispensing Opticians - 2022 Board Meeting Dates

(Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM)

- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes:

- August 10, 2021 Conf. Call/ZOOM

Recommendations:

Accept as Presented

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the August 10, 2021 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CE Provider Requests:

- SECO 2022
- 20-20 Jobson Optical Group
- CEDO N. GA Seminar – Winter 2021

Recommendation:

Approve
Denied; does not meet requirements in Board Rules
Approve

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE provider request for SECO 2022 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to deny the CE provider request for 20-20 Jobson Optical Group for failure to meet requirements as outlined in Board rule 420-9-.03 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE provider request for CEDO N. Georgia Seminar – Winter 2021 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 7/14/2021 - 10/12/2021

license No	Licensee
LDO002876	Kasim Ibn Rajahn
LDO002877	Isiah M Burgess
LDO002878	Amanda Kathrynanne Thomas
LDO002879	Banafsheh Memar
LDO002880	Matthew Edmond Priest
LDO002881	Wendy Marie Edwards
LDO002882	Brandi Nicole Dixon
LDO002883	Jennifer Lynne Lyman
LDO002884	Johnny Mark Shepherd
OPTA002144	Miracle Kaylie Thomas
OPTA002145	Brooklyn Leigh Miller
OPTA002146	Madisyn Kaylee Renee' Rakes
OPTA002147	Lorynne Aya Bell
OPTA002148	Brittany Nicole Lester
OPTA002149	Temple Owens Caglar
OPTA002150	Lisa Allen Harris
OPTA002151	Angela Kay Epps
OPTA002152	Betzaida Anail Segovia
OPTA002153	Tamiko Ann Condoll
OPTA002154	Catherine Ann Coatney
OPTA002155	Joseline Flores
OPTA002156	Crystal Gayle Brickey
OPTA002157	James Ryan Dillard
OPTA002158	Cynthia Suzanne Stephens
OPTA002159	Caleb Anthony Navas
OPTA002160	Fred Bedel Oro
OPTA002161	Sarah L Anderson
OPTA002162	Cheris Alohilani Smith
OPTA002163	Kylisha Carin Ward
OPTA002164	Tammy Durden
OPTA002165	Erin Dana Bakermans
OPTA002166	Jalynn Malik Brumfield

OPTA002167	Brianna Stewart Jackson
OPTA002168	Sha'vette M Birdsong
OPTA002169	Manduah Bilial Simpson
OPTA002170	Brianna Renee Rankins
OPTA002171	Eric Anthony Robertson
OPTA002172	Lula Renee' Middlebrook
OPTA002173	Juan Carlos Machado
OPTA002174	Dajeyah Briyonne Thomaston
OPTA002175	Rachel Allison Harwell
OPTA002176	Donald Wayne Moody, II
OPTA002177	Sheryl DeElla Anderson
OPTA002178	Maria L Akles Burrow
OPTA002179	Daisy Carolina Umana Guerrero
OPTA002180	Elizabeth Grace Curran
OPTA002181	Sierra A Griggs
OPTA002182	Tonia Allise Milteer
OPTA002183	Jarrett Cole Worley
OPTA002184	Liana Elizabeth Whitehead
OPTA002185	Francis Louise Hinojosa
OPTA002186	Amanda Marie Desboeufs
OPTA002187	Dana Anne Ralph
OPTA002188	Mary Kim Tay
OPTA002189	Amber Michele Marlow
OPTA002190	Angela Goss
OPTA002191	Yasmin Smith
OPTA002192	Tanji La'Shay Gentry
OPTA002193	Holly Nichole Stansell
OPTA002194	Arkina Goodwin
OPTA002195	Felicia Louise Philpot
OPTA002196	Wittney Taiece Davis
OPTA002197	Chad Alan Davis
	TOTAL: 63

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify listing of licenses issued between meetings administratively. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Lisa Griffin – Wiregrass – Information Requested by the Board: *Board Information Only*

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- L. Hatcher – Rule 420-9-.02

Recommendation:

Denied – No Proven Hardship. Request filing of a new Petition with medical support statement

Mr. Meldrum motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for L. Hatcher for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4), 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to review applications, the AG report, complaints and prior meeting executive session minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present Ethridge, Morris, Meldrum, and Stowers.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, Ms. Ethridge declared the meeting back into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Applications:

- L.H.
- M.R.
- K.M.
- M.C.

Recommendation:

Pending Additional Information
Approve to sit for exam
Approve to sit for exam
Approve for licensure

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the applications above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General’s Report:

Ms. Tracy, AAG, provided a status and activity report to the Board for review and discussion.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2019-2021 Renewal Hold Report:

- R.C.
- J.H.
- D.M.

Recommendation:

Tabled, pending receipt of additional information
Tabled, discuss next meeting
Tabled, pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the above 2019-2021 Renewal Holds as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:** DISP200001, DISP220002, DISP220003
- **Recommend Referral to Investigations:** DISP2200001

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Enforcement report as presented. None opposed, motion

Executive Session Minutes:

- August 10, 2021 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the August 10, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Minute recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

GLORIA ETHRIDGE
Chair

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **January 12, 2022**